

It mandates the precise town in which the mine operations center must be located. The Federal Government should not be dictating where and only where a company is allowed to conduct its private business. If you take this to the logical extreme, what's next? Will House Democrats push a new law to require Apple to move from Cupertino to—where?—Detroit? How ironic that when a company that is investing hundreds of millions of its private dollars in Arizona to create thousands of American jobs that Democrats in the District of Columbia want to dictate where to operate its business.

On the other hand, there may be some consistency, because when President Obama and House Democrats handed out over half a billion stimulus dollars to the Fisker car company, they allowed that to be built in Finland, which, Mr. Chairman, I might add, is not even a State.

The amendment also requires that all copper produced from this mine be used in the United States. Copper is a basic component used to construct and build items. It's ridiculous to mandate that if 1 ounce of copper goes into an item it violates this law, this amendment, to be used outside the United States.

I am sensitive to this because I'm from Washington. If a Boeing plane is using copper made from this mine, that Boeing plane can therefore never fly out of the United States. If copper pipe is used in the plumbing of a boat that's built in America, it can never ship American goods in this global economy. What about copper jewelry, Mr. Chairman, or an American-built car that includes copper components, or the multitude of everyday items that we build in America and sell abroad that contain copper?

The fact is that this amendment would make it impossible to use the copper from this mine; but on the other hand, that's probably what the intent is.

Finally, the amendment mandates that all equipment used to mine or support mining activities be made in the United States. The purpose of the bill is to allow the third largest undeveloped copper resource in the world to be developed in America to create American jobs and provide up to 25 percent of America's copper consumption. It defies reason and logic to say that this economic boost to America can't happen if one piece of equipment used for the mine isn't made in the United States.

Let me go a little bit further, Mr. Chairman. The word "equipment" is never defined. Does it include everyday office items that will support mine activities, such as paper or pencils? What about cell phones for workers? iPhones and Blackberries, I might add, are not manufactured in America.

So I urge my colleagues, therefore, to vote against this amendment, which stands in the way of American copper production and American copper creation.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. GRIJALVA. I yield the balance of my time to the cosponsor of the amendment, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI).

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from California is recognized for 2 minutes.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Our worthy chairman has put up a dozen canards, none of which really address the underlying issue here. This amendment is a very simple one that would locate in Arizona the headquarters for this mine. Is there something wrong with that? We are not moving this off to Finland. Come on.

This amendment would also provide that the copper—and it's been stated by the proponents of the bill that 25 percent of the copper needs in the United States would come from this mine, so why not use this copper in the United States? It seems to me to be perfectly reasonable, despite all the canards that we just tossed around here a few moments ago.

The other part of this has to do with the equipment. Is the worthy gentleman from Washington opposed to using American-made equipment in American mines? Is that what this is all about?

Yes, there may be some definitional problems. I'd be delighted to work with you on the definitional problems, but the underlying point is why would we set up all of this so that we could import the equipment from China or Japan or some other place. Why not simply require that this mine, which under the bill itself is an enormous giveaway of American property, of property owned by the American people and the enormous unparalleled giveaway of our value, why not simply require that at least if they're going to be given all of this, they be required to buy American-made equipment for the mine operation?

What's wrong with that? Why not make it in America? If this mine is in America, why not use American-made equipment and hire Americans and, in this case, Arizonans? You got a problem with hiring Arizonans? You got a problem with locating in Arizona the headquarters of this mine, or would you prefer London or maybe somewhere in Australia?

Come on. These are very simple amendments so that Americans can go to work. These are very simple amendments so that this company will buy American-made equipment to mine our copper which, under your proposal, is given away.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. I yield myself the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman is recognized for 1 minute.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. I just want to respond to my good friend from California about working with us if there is a flaw in this amendment.

I would just remind him he offered a similar amendment in committee; we brought up precisely the same arguments, precisely the same arguments. And here we are, we trot out an amendment on the floor of the House, and it's precisely the same amendment. I have a hard time thinking that somebody wants to work with us when they trot out the same amendment with the same arguments that got defeated twice.

I just want to mention this, Mr. Chairman. It's a worthy goal to buy American and promote buy American, but not when that sentiment is used to block a project to create American jobs and that results in America being less dependent on foreign minerals that gets our economy going.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I urge defeat of this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Arizona will be postponed.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GOSAR) having assumed the chair, Mr. LATOURETTE, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1904) to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair, not earlier than 3:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WESTMORELAND) at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.